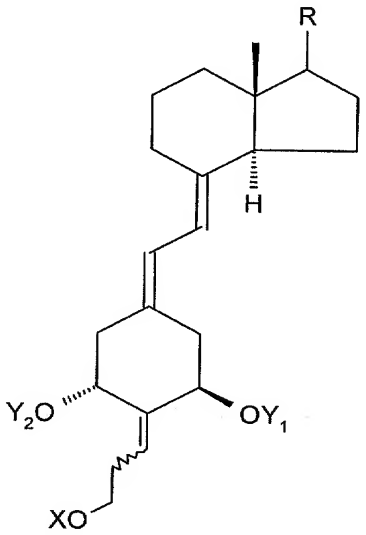
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

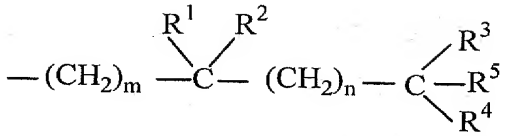
In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:



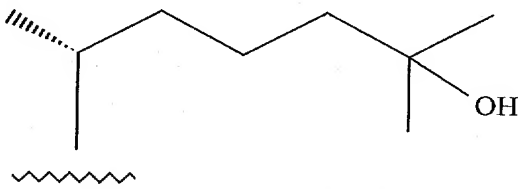
where Y_1 and Y_2, which may be the same or different, are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a hydroxy-protecting group, where X may be an alkyl, hydrogen, hydroxy-protecting group, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl and aryloxyalkyl, and where the group R is represented by the structure:

where the stereochemical center at carbon 20 may have the R or S configuration, and where Z is selected from Y, -OY, $-CH_2OY$, $-C\equiv CY$ and -CH=CHY, where the double bond may have the cis or trans geometry, and where Y is selected from hydrogen, methyl, $-COR^5$ and a radical of the structure:

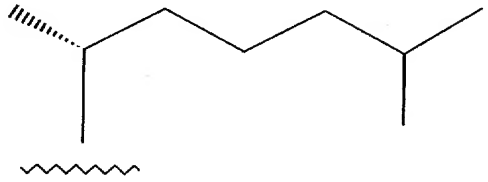


where m and n, independently, represent the integers from 0 to 5, where R^1 is selected from hydrogen, ~~deuterium,~~ hydroxy, protected hydroxy, fluoro, trifluoromethyl, and C_{1-5}-alkyl, which may be straight chain or branched and, optionally, bear a hydroxy or protected-hydroxy substituent, and where each of R^2, R^3, and R^4, independently, is selected from ~~deuterium,~~ deuteroalkyl, hydrogen, fluoro, trifluoromethyl and C_{1-5} alkyl, which may be straight-chain or branched, and optionally, bear a hydroxy or protected-hydroxy substituent, and where R^1 and R^2, taken together, represent an oxo group, or an alkylidene group, $=CR^2R^3$, or the group $-(CH_2)_p-$, where p is an integer from 2 to 5, and where R^3 and R^4, taken together, represent an oxo group, or the group $-(CH_2)_q-$, where q is an integer from 2 to 5, and where R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxy, protected hydroxy, or C_{1-5} alkyl and wherein any of the CH-groups at positions 20, 22, or 23 in the side chain may be replaced by a nitrogen atom, or where any of the groups $-CH(CH_3)-$, $-(CH_2)m-$, $-(CH_2)n-$, or $-(CR_1R_2)-$ at positions 20, 22, and 23, respectively, may be replaced by an oxygen or sulfur atom.

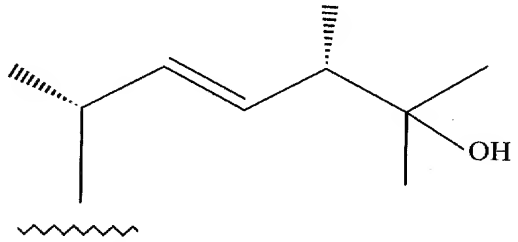
2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula



3. (Original) The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula



4. (Original) The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula



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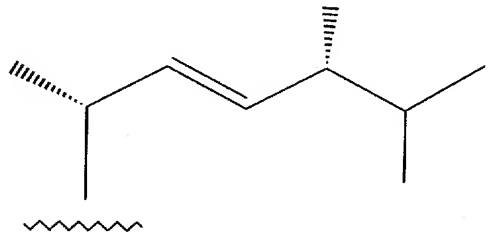

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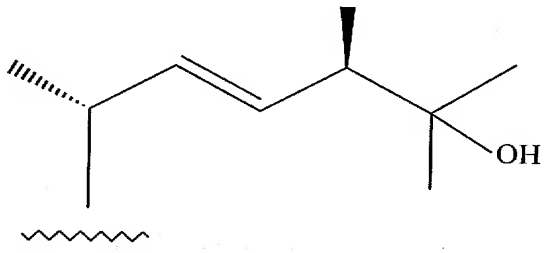

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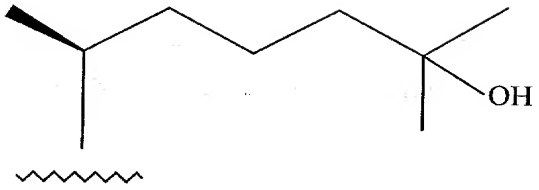
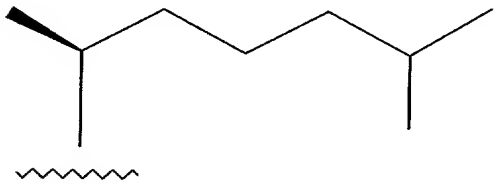
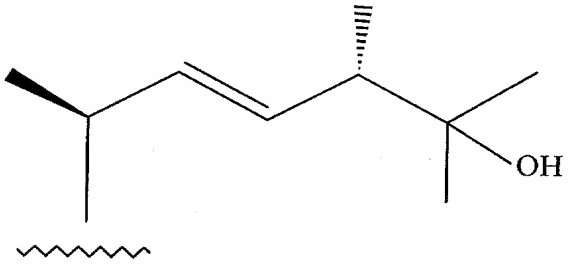


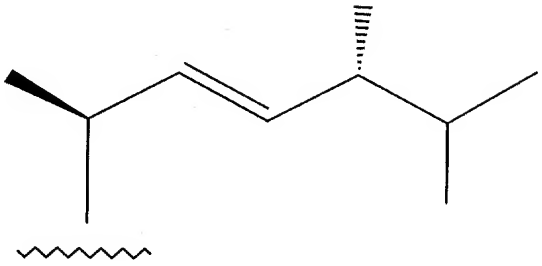
8. (Original) The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula



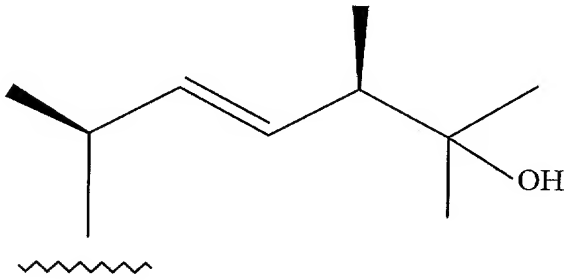
9. (Original) The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula



10. (Original) The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula



11. (Original) The compound of claim 1 where R is a side chain of the formula



12-16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition containing an effective amount of at least one compound as claimed in claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

18. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 wherein said effective amount comprises from about 0.01μg to about 100μg per gram of composition.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-[(3'-methoxymethoxy)propylidene]-19-nor-1α,25-$(OH)_2D_3$ in an amount from about 0.01μg to about 100μg.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-(3'-hydroxypropylidene)-19-nor-1α,25-$(OH)_2D_3$ (E-isomer) in an amount from about 0.01μg to about 100μg.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-(3'-hydroxypropylidene)-19-nor-1α,25-$(OH)_2D_3$ (Z-isomer) in an amount from about 0.01μg to about 100μg.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-(3'-hydroxypropylidene)-19-nor-(20S)-1α,25-$(OH)_2D_3$ (E-isomer) in an amount from about 0.01μg to about 100μg.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17 containing 2-(3'-hydroxypropylidene)-19-nor-(20S)-1α,25-$(OH)_2D_3$ (Z-isomer) in an amount from about 0.01μg to about 100μg.

29-109. (Canceled)